

approaching the camp was to be warned off,  
and was to  
be fired upon if he disregarded the warning.

A blissfully quiet day followed the  
excitement of the  
night before. The men slept after their long  
watch, and  
the fighting horses were at a distance.  
The Agha did  
not return, and for a day and night I was  
the only  
European in camp. Aziz Khan, with an  
English rifle,  
a hundred cartridges, and two revolvers in  
his belt, kept  
faithful watch, and to " make assurance  
doubly sure " I  
walked through the camp twice during the  
night to see  
that the men on guard were awake.

Before midnight there was a frightful " row  
" for two  
hours, which sounded as if fifty men were  
taking part in  
it. I have often wondered at the idiotic  
things that  
Hassan does, and at the hopelessly dazed  
way in which  
he sometimes stands. Now it has come out  
that he is  
smoking more and more opium, and has been  
supplying  
Karim with it.

Mujid, who was formerly the Agha's cook,  
has been  
promoted to be *major-domo*, rules the  
caravan on the  
march, heads it on a fine horse, keeps  
accounts, and is  
generally "confidential."<sup>3\*</sup> Karim resents all  
this. He  
lately bought a horse because he could not  
bear to ride  
a baggage mule when the other man was  
well mounted,  
and being that night mad with opium, and  
being armed  
both with rifle and revolver, with which he  
threatened  
to kill Mujid, it was only by the united and  
long-  
continued efforts of all the men that  
bloodshed was  
prevented. The next day Hassan destroyed

his opium  
pipe, and is trying to cure himself of the  
habit with the  
aid of morphia, but he complains of "  
agony in the  
waist," which is just the fearful craving  
which the disuse  
of the drug causes.

The Agha encountered very predatory  
Lurs in the  
lower regions. A mule was stolen by two  
Lurs, then